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EVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1

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1. 4 trains carrying recruits without weapons arrived in Weimar during the first week in September, coming from eastward direction. On 12 September, another train carrying young soldiers was unloaded.¹ At 6 p.m. on 14 September, a third train was almost completely unloaded. Individual AAA guns and trucks subsequently went to the Flak Kaserne.²

2. several trains carrying recruits passed through Luebben toward Berlin from 5 to 10 September.

3. At 10:30 a.m. on 13 September, 14 groups each of 40 soldiers, 5 groups each of 120 soldiers and 4 groups each of 60 soldiers and about 120 officers were seen leaving the Beseler Kaserne in Wittenberg in which they had attended a ceremony. About 600 soldiers marched to the Taentzien Kaserne and the others to the Flak Kaserne.³ About 200 soldiers remained in the Beseler Kaserne. T-34/85 tanks were lined up in the barracks yard for a review. A band played when they left the installation. Trucks were seen at the installation.

4. At 6:30 a.m. on 14 September, JS-3 tanks 3 JSU-249 tanks and T-34/85 tanks were loaded at the Wittenberg railroad station. Trucks carrying boxes and baggage stood ready for loading. At 6:50 a.m., 5 men carrying full field pack marched from the Beseler Kaserne to the railroad station. The train had not yet left at 11:30 a.m.⁴

1. Comment. Recruits were observed in a number of barracks installations in East Germany. An empty train of 80 converted boxcars went from Berlin to Frankfurt/Oder on 23 September. Although no shipments of personnel have been reported in both directions from the border crossing railroad stations, a personnel exchange must be expected to begin soon.

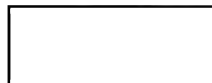
2. Comment. Elements of the 13th AAA Div have been in Wustrow since July. The AAA firing range had also been vacated since mid-September in 1952.

3. Comment. A similar ceremony on the occasion of the Soviet Armored Command Day was also observed in Grimma on 13 September. Elements of the 6th Gds Tank

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

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4.  Comment. Tank elements of the 6th Gds Tank Div were previously
25X1 reported loaded, probably for Jueterbog. 

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